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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7129**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 452

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 6, 2013

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Reach Out and Read Indiana program funding.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Breaux

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
☐ **DEDICATED**  
☐ **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

STATE IMPACT	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		1,500,000	1,500,000
Net Increase (Decrease)		(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill appropriates \$3,000,000 to Reach Out and Read Indiana to fund a program that promotes early childhood literacy by providing books to children in health care settings, for the period beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2015.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2013.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Background Information:* Reach Out and Read is a nonprofit organization that promotes early literacy and school readiness in pediatric exam rooms nationwide by giving new books to children and advice to parents about the importance of reading aloud. Each year, medical providers at the nearly 5,000 Reach Out and Read program sites nationwide distribute 6.5 million books to about 4 million children. In Indiana, there are approximately 166 program sites serving about 176,000 children annually. About 284,000 books are distributed annually.

Reach Out and Read builds on the relationship between parents and medical providers to develop critical early

reading skills in children, beginning at 6 months of age. Reach Out and Read families read together more often, and their children enter kindergarten better prepared to succeed, with larger vocabularies and stronger language skills. During the preschool years, children served by Reach Out and Read score three to six months ahead of their non-Reach Out and Read peers on vocabulary tests.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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